

CENTERVILLE PIONEER CEMETERY
Bonde Way and Post Street
Fremont
Alameda County
California

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Location: Bonde Way and Post Street, Fremont, Alameda County, CA
Lat: 37.56126 Long: -122.00702

Significance: Centerville Cemetery is significant because it is the burial place of many of the City of Fremont's pioneer family members.

History: One half city block at Bonde Way and Post Street in Fremont, California. The cemetery was founded in the 1850s and gained recognition as an official state cemetery in 1859. The first burial took place between 1853 and 1856. Many of the City of Fremont's pioneer residents are buried here including Herman Eggers and Roger Blacow. Other early pioneers include Captain Caleb Cook Scott, a native of Nova Scotia, who sailed his way around the Horn of Magellan in South America on his way to a new life in the Bay Area and settle along Alameda Creek near the town of Niles, California. Today the cemetery is surrounded by residential properties and nearby commercial. A few trees appear to be original. Efforts to "improve" the property have included installation of an ornamental iron fence and new pathways edged with either 2x4 wood members or recycled "lumber". Two sides of the property are fenced with chain link with vinyl slates. A historic chapel that burned recently has been replaced with a small structure built of CMU blocks and is surrounded by stamped concrete.

Sources: City of Fremont website. www.Fremont.gov

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Figure 1. Headstones, monuments, and trees at Centerville Cemetery (Chris Pattillo, January 1, 2009).



Figure 2. Headstone for Captain Caleb Cook Scott, died 1895 (Chris Pattillo, January 1, 2009).